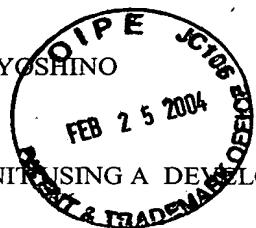


Docket No. 243661US2CONT
 IN RE APPLICATION OF: Mie YOSHINO
 SERIAL NO: 10/679,489
 FILED: October 7, 2003
 FOR: DEVELOPING UNIT USING A DEVELOPING LIQUID AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS INCLUDING THE SAME



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SIR:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required
- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- Additional documents filed herewith:

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

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